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1. Pegas, National Corporation, Jicin Plant, Wire and Screw Manufacture (formerly Pilnikarna Havlískuv Brod), covers an area of 100 by 150 meters close to the road which crosses the railroad tracks south of the Jicin railroad station. North of the field are open fields and approximately 500 meters from the plant there is a brick kiln. In the southeast and south are fields and in the west is the Jicin - Hradeo Kralove highway.
2. The plant consists of one building of irregular shape, approximately 100 or 200 meters long and 60 or 80 meters wide. Both the plant and the equipment are old.
3. The western part of the building, adjoining the road which runs parallel to the railroad tracks, is divided into a number of small units.
4. In the northern part of the building are two gatekeeper's rooms, the cloakrooms and wash house, workers' quarters, the canteen, the technical office, the accounting department, the manager's office and the production office.
5. In the southern part of the building are various departments, such as the file manufacturing shop and a grinding shop, both approximately 30 meters long and 20 meters wide. Above the grinding shop is a large hall of the pressing shop. Adjoining the grinding shop are the mechanical workshop and the machine shop.
6. The largest hall in the plant is the forge, 30 by 40 meters in size, which opens onto the courtyard. A turner's shop is next to the forge. Behind it is a storage area for studs and then the hardening shop for studs and the shipping department. Next to these two are the testing department, the hardening shop for file cutters and the boilers for cleaning the files (sic).
7. On the northeast side of the courtyard is a large gate, near which is a storage area for steel used for files. Along the eastern side is a building 30 meters long which contains a garage, an apartment and a joiner's shop. Close to the

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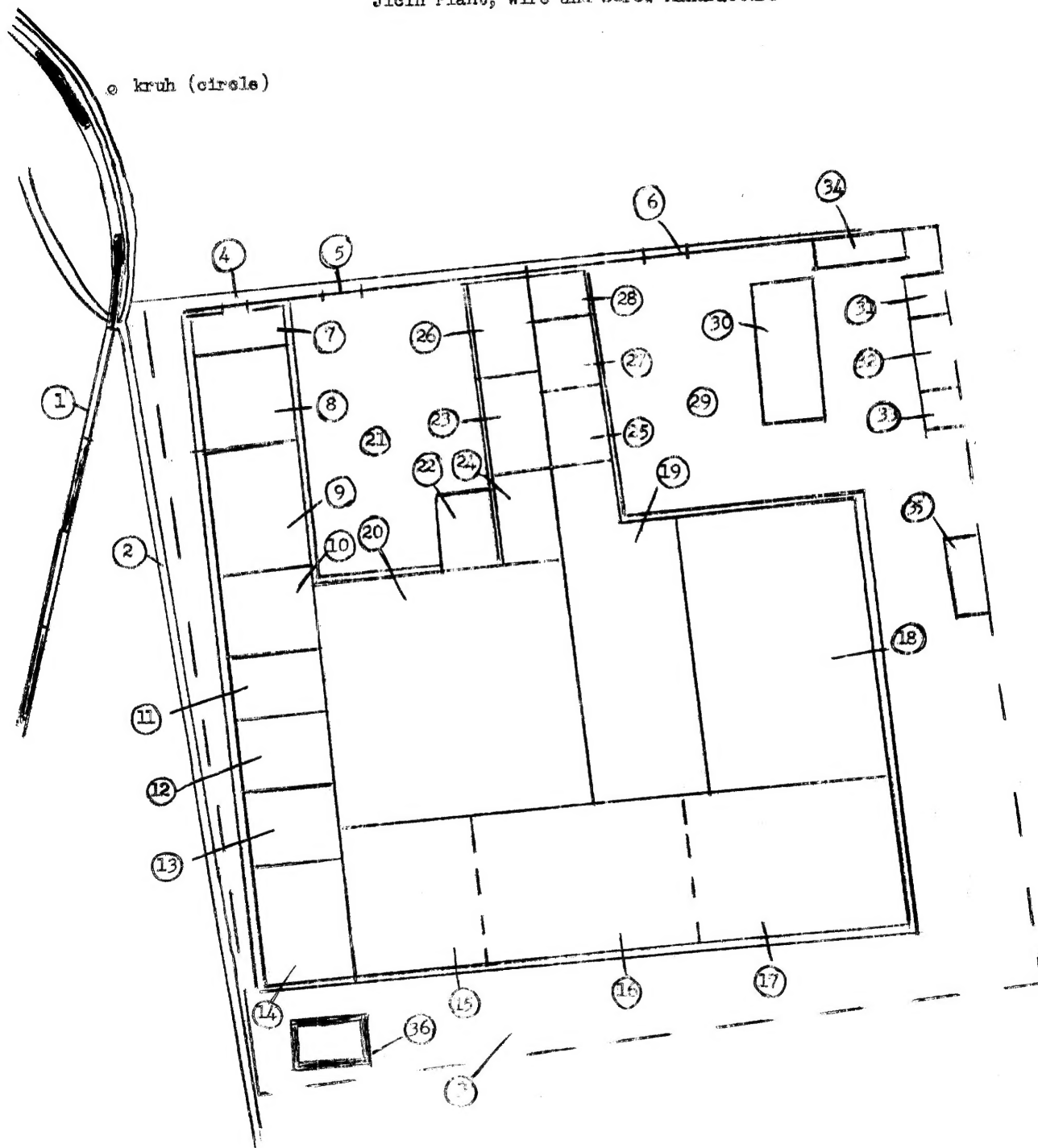
flat is the building containing the welding shop. On the southeastern side of the courtyard is a storage area for wooden material. Next to the plant stands the house of the former owner, which is now the workers' community house.

8. Machinery of the Pegas plant is old, except for that in the nail shop. The machinery consists of the following: four power hammers, 17 anvils, eight screw-cutting machines, seven milling machines for studs, four 1,500-kg. presses, several file cutters and automatic shears for steel, as well as four lathes of German manufacture.
9. Electric current is supplied by the Hradec Kralove power station.
10. Until 1952, the Pegas plant manufactured files, studs and horseshoes. It produced some 300 files per day. Originally, it had only manufactured spikes for railroad ties. In spring 1952, the production of nails was expanded and since January 1953 the plant has been manufacturing some 60 hundredweight 1 1/2 cm. thick per day (sic). In April 1953, production was to be increased to 600 hundredweight of nails per day, failing which it was proposed to close down the production of nails, studs and horseshoes.
11. Finished nails are packed into large crates and all are exported to the USSR and China.
12. The Five-Year-Plan was being fulfilled by only 65% because of absenteeism and the lack of material. Until spring 1953, the number of employees was not increased because the plant was considered of only secondary importance. Until that time, it had only 150 employees, and nine of these were clerical workers. At that time, however, the number was increased to 250 or 300.
13. Morale of the employees is very low. The Works Council is not very powerful. The head of the cadre department is Josef Klinaba, a well-meaning man who tries to compromise with everybody. The managing director of the plant is Bohac (fnu), an expert (sic).

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Sketch of Pegas, National Corporation,
Jicin Plant, Wire and Screw Manufacture



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1. Railroad tracks; Jicin-Hradec Kralove.
2. Road; Jicin-Novy Bydzov.
3. Wooden fence.
4. Entry to the gatekeeper's room.
5. Entry to courtyard.
6. Identical with No. 5.
7. Gatekeeper's room.
8. Baths.
9. Living quarters.
10. Canteen.
11. Technical offices (maintenance).
12. Accounts department.
13. Manager's office
14. Production office.
15. Storage of files.
16. File shop.
17. Grinding shop.
18. Pressing shop.
19. Mechanical shop.
20. Forge.
21. Courtyard.
22. Turner's shop.
23. Hardening shop for studs.
24. Storage of studs.
25. Testing department.
26. Shipping department.
27. Hardening shop for files.
28. Boiler room.
29. Courtyard.
30. Storage for steel and files.
31. Garage.
32. Flat.
33. Joiner's shop.
34. Welding shop.
35. Storage of wooden material.
36. Community house.

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